

Gephardt	Mascara	Sabo
Gibbons	Matsui	Sanders
Gilchrest	McCarthy	Sawyer
Greenwood	McDermott	Schroeder
Gutierrez	McHale	Schumer
Hall (OH)	McKinney	Scott
Hastings (FL)	Meehan	Serrano
Hinchey	Meek	Shays
Hoyer	Menendez	Skaggs
Jackson-Lee	Mfume	Slaughter
Jefferson	Mineta	Stark
Johnson, E.B.	Mink	Stokes
Kanjorski	Morella	Studds
Kaptur	Murtha	Thompson
Kennedy (MA)	Nadler	Torres
Kennedy (RI)	Neal	Torricelli
Kennelly	Oberstar	Towns
Kildee	Obey	Tucker
Klecza	Olver	Velazquez
Klink	Owens	Vento
LaFalce	Pallone	Visclosky
Lantos	Pastor	Ward
Levin	Payne (NJ)	Waters
Lewis (GA)	Porter	Watt (NC)
Lipinski	Rahall	Waxman
Lofgren	Reed	Williams
Lowey	Reynolds	Wise
Luther	Richardson	Woolsey
Maloney	Rivers	Wyden
Manton	Roukema	Wynn
Markey	Roybal-Allard	Yates
Martinez	Rush	Zimmer

NOT VOTING—17

Brown (CA)	Green	Moakley
Bryant (TX)	Hayes	Montgomery
Collins (IL)	Johnson (CT)	Myers
Collins (MI)	Johnston	Pelosi
Dornan	Laughlin	Rangel
Gonzalez	Miller (CA)	

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The Clerk announced the following pair:

On this vote:

Mr. Dornan for, with Mr. Moakley against.

Mr. VOLKMER changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. GEPHARDT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I ask for 1 minute in order to inquire of the distinguished majority leader about the schedule.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. GEPHARDT. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, on Monday, March 6, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. We will take up the rule and the debate of H.R. 988, the Attorney Accountability Act. We do not expect a vote to be called on the rule for H.R. 988, and we expect no votes before 5 p.m. on Monday. We hope to complete legislative business on Monday night as close to 9 p.m. as possible.

On Tuesday, the House will meet at 9:30 a.m. for morning hour and 11 a.m. for legislative business. We expect to complete H.R. 988 and being consideration of H.R. 1058, the Securities Litigation Reform Act, which is subject to a rule. It is our understanding that

there are several events scheduled on Tuesday night that Members on both sides of the aisle will wish to attend. For that reason, we plan to finish legislative business on Tuesday between 6:30 and 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, as we announced last week, it is our desire to begin legislative business at 10 a.m. At that time, we expect to finish H.R. 1058, and move to consideration of H.R. 1075, the Common Sense Product Liability and Legal Reform Act, which is subject to a rule.

On Thursday and Friday, the House will meet at 10 a.m. for legislative business to complete consideration of H.R. 1075. It is our hope to have Members on their way home to their families and their districts by 3 p.m. on Friday.

Mr. GEPHARDT. Would the gentleman be able to tell us what he expects the rule to be providing for consideration of the product liability caps bill?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield, the Committee on Rules has not met on that. I cannot advise you at this time on what that rule will be. We will be consulting with the minority in that process.

Mr. GEPHARDT. Amendments are due to the Committee on Rules this afternoon by 3 p.m. I was just wondering if it was expected that all amendments submitted will be made in order. But it is my understanding they have to be presented by 3.

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield, the gentleman is absolutely correct. Again, I cannot tell the gentleman anything further than that about the rule at this time.

Mr. GEPHARDT. Further inquiring, could the gentleman confirm on the longer term schedule, does the gentleman expect the term limits and rescissions bill to come to the floor the following week, March 13?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield, we anticipate the term limits will be brought to the floor on the 13th and 14th of March, and we expect rescissions to be on the floor the 15th or the 16th of March.

Mr. GEPHARDT. I take it, then, that welfare reform and spending cuts and the tax bill would come in the weeks after that?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman would yield, the gentleman is absolutely correct.

Mr. GEPHARDT. I yield to the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. ROEMER].

Mr. ROEMER. I thank the distinguished minority leader for yielding.

I would appreciate engaging the distinguished majority leader in a couple of questions if I could.

First of all, I would like to thank him, he was not on the floor when I rose 2 weeks ago to thank him for his cooperation on getting not just Members with their families but staffs with their families on Valentine's Day. Certainly the majority leader does not want to hear more of my terrible, horrible poetry to try to get us back on

the family-friendly schedule. I don't want to have to resort to torture to do that. But certainly a lot of Members and their families want to see increased efficiency in terms of the congressional schedule. They want to see if we work 70-hour, 80-hour weeks, that maybe there are procedures that we can use at the end of the day so that we do not see repeats of Monday and Thursday night of this past week, of staying in an hour over when we could have informed Members that we had the last vote.

I would just ask the majority leader a couple of questions. First of all, can you give us any more idea, with predictability in mind, on the schedule for Wednesday and Thursday of next week, specific times?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman would yield, let me just say, I cannot give you a more definitive answer at this time. It is always a matter of how well the day goes. We try to watch it, we try to schedule and stay in long enough to be sure that on the ensuing day we are able to complete that work which we hope to complete.

If the gentleman would continue to yield, Mr. Speaker, I understand the concern of the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. ROEMER]. His expression of concern the other day about wanting to be home and tuck in his children touched me, and if I could just make a recommendation, please do not read them your poems when you do that. We want them to have a good night's sleep. But we will try to do the best we can.

I too have had the pleasure at another time of tucking in my little ones and I know how special that can be and I do want to be attentive to it.

Mr. ROEMER. If the gentleman would answer a few more questions, do we intend to be in on Saturdays in March or April at this point?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman would yield, it is possible, though I dare speak with some, what should I say, qualified confidence that I think I can dare say it seems fairly, perhaps even very unlikely. I have no expectation that I can see that that would happen. But I do have to make a reservation of a possibility that that could happen.

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It is my sincere hope and expectation that that will not be the case.

Mr. ROEMER. Finally, a question to the majority leader.

Many of us know that there are very, very difficult sessions ahead. We know that the Republicans are on a 100-day schedule for the contract. But after the first 100 days very difficult decisions are going to face this body on appropriations matters, on budget matters, and on rescission matters and on a farm bill that is critical to many of our States.

Can the gentleman give us some sense of the predictability and how efficacious we are going to be in terms of the schedule between April and August,

and are we going to see a repeat of this first 100 days?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield, we are working on a schedule that we expect will be, in fact, much more family friendly that we hope to be able to give to the gentleman to take with him before his April recess so he and his family could have a better planning of the remainder of the year.

If the gentleman will just bear with us, we would try to complete that and make it available as soon as possible.

Mr. ROEMER. I thank the majority leader.

Mr. GEPHARDT. If the gentleman would just answer one more question of mine, the distinguished majority leader and I have had a conversation before about Members being able to depend upon getting out of here for the Easter recess on or about April 7 or no later than April 8, which is the Saturday before Palm Sunday. I take it we are still on a schedule that would give Members some certainty that they could make plans for after that date?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield, the distinguished minority leader knows I am by nature a rather cautious person in my optimism regarding these things, but what I have been telling my colleagues is I would feel very confident that I can guarantee you that you will wake up in your bed in your home district on Palm Sunday. I am not confident that you will not also retire to your bed in your home district on Palm Sunday. But I think it is a realistic optimism and I believe in fact that definitely by the Saturday prior to Palm Sunday the gentleman should have been on his way home and have his 3 weeks' time.

Mr. GEPHARDT. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. GEPHARDT. I yield to the gentleman from West Virginia.

Mr. WISE. If I could address the majority leader for just a second, would he be able to inform us that he has a nonrefundable ticket that gets him home on that day, and then we would all take great security in that.

If I could just ask in a serious moment, Mr. Majority Leader, you do not see me rise on this subject too often, but I would just like to follow on a second on the gentleman from Indiana's theme. And I think I speak for both parties and I speak for members of the staff as well, that this schedule is working a great toll. And we understand, while perhaps not agree that there is the commitment to 100 days, if I could just share a couple of examples with the gentleman, I have not seen my two children awake, my young children, 7 and 5, in a waking state after 8 a.m. in the last 2 work weeks. My son drew a picture, my 7-year-old on Dads' Day and on Valentines Day, and on Dads' Day at school he drew a picture, they all drew pictures of their fathers, and the picture he drew of his father

was a pretty good cartoon, actually, with a moustache, with a suitcase in one hand and a hand on the door and a balloon coming out of the mouth that said, "Goodbye." Those things get to you after a while.

Now, in fairness, our constituents do the same thing. The gentleman and I have constituents who are truck drivers, coal miners, sales people working two or three jobs trying to make it. They agonize that they do not see their children in every bit the same way. But there might be sometimes a little bit of a difference though. Sometimes they see a point at the end where they are going to get to. If nothing else, they understand that they are working for hours and they are paid on that basis.

I walked out of here last night knowing I was not going to see my children for dinner again, walked out of here and walked down the hall. I wanted to see what the other body was doing. It had been a historic day. The Chamber was shut, and so as I drifted around the Senate it suddenly occurred to me that we are missing a lot of meals over here to push the contract out. I do not know that they have missed one in anticipation of it.

So I guess I would just close, Mr. Leader, with more of a statement than a question. It is not meant to be acrimonious, but just a statement that both parties, everyone in here I believe professes to be for family values. We argue about that goal. We argue about how to get there. But we both believe we are standing up strongly for American families. I guess I do not think we really represent America's families if we are not with them, and I guess I believe that we do not move America's families very far ahead if we are leaving our own behind.

So, on the theme of the gentleman from Indiana, I would just ask that as the majority leader plans a schedule for the 100 days and what comes after, I would greatly appreciate the considerations raised here. As I say, I know the other side is feeling the same and wants to accommodate, but we have to remember our families as we seek to represent all of America's families.

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield, I cannot help but observe to the gentleman from West Virginia that I have found in my own life that the time that I have seen him spend with his family has been much more enjoyable than the time I have spent with him, and we would like to keep the gentleman with his family as much as possible, and we will be working toward that objective.

Mr. WISE. We can reach a consensus on that.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1995

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning hour debate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OXLEY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of House Joint Resolution 2.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

REFORM THE SYSTEM

(Mrs. SEASTRAND asked and was given permission to address the House for one minute.)

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, we are entering one of the most difficult debates about fundamental reform in our Nation's history. Through perverse incentives, our Government has created a morally corrupt welfare state that discourages work and subsidizes illegitimacy. The welfare system is a tragic failure.

This debate is not about saving money, it is about saving family and the next generation. It is not about more spending, it is about more sincerity. It is not about stopping payments, it is about stopping poverty. It is not about an election cycle, it is about the dependency cycle. This is the greatest country the world has ever known. After 30 years and \$5 trillion of failure, we can—we must—do better.

We have a plan we will be debating soon on the floor of the House that sets out to end incentives that promote self-destructive behavior. This plan has a vision for ending the welfare state, the Clinton plan offer only a mirage. We must work with compassion and common sense to end a system that has hurt the very people the very families we have set out to help.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1058, SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT

Mr. DREIER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104-65) on the resolution (H. Res. 103) providing for consideration of